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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF UN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL FOR  
RWANDA

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2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON GOR  
CONSIDERATION OF POINTS IN REF B DEMARCHE. OBTAINING  
AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF RWANDA WAR

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CRIMES TRIBUNAL IS PARTICULARLY URGENT GIVEN THE ROLE THE TRIBUNAL WILL PLAY IN PROMOTING STABILITY IN RWANDA. (USG VIEW IS THAT TRIBUNAL SHOULD BE CREATED BY MID-SEPTEMER.) IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE RUSSIANS AGREE TO OUR APPROACH, TO AVOID PROTRACTED DEBATE ON HOW THE TRIBUNAL WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

4. DESPITE RUSSIAN AUGUST HOLIDAYS, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO PROMPT A SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE FROM GOR. IF GOR PREFERENCES, IT CAN PASS THAT

RESPONSE IN NEW YORK, BUT WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ACTIVELY WORKING ON A RESPONSE. CHRISTOPHER

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